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STERN: Your Majesty, the spirit of the "white revolution" to which we referred in the beginning has gone. The demonstrations organized against you every day are bound to leave traces on you. Do you sometimes think of resigning, of tendering your resignation in favor of the crown prince?

Shah: The crown prince is only 18 years old. And besides, everybody has phases during which he works with great enthusiasm, and phases in which he feels discouraged. That is life.

ABU NIDAL URGES REMOVAL OF 'ARAFAT, CALLS FOR UNITED FRONT

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[Manuel Albignoni undated interview with Fatah-the Revolutionary Council splinter group leader Abu Nidal: "Abu Nidal: 'I Will Kill 'Arafat' "--place not specified]

[Text] Mysterious rendezvous, marches and countermarches and abortive attempts are the inevitable prelude to a meeting with Sabri al-Bann, better known as Abu Nidal, the close friend and colleague of Palestinian leader Yasir 'Arafat until 1974 and now one of his most bitter opponents. The factions headed by the two leaders have been embarked, since January 1978, with the death of Sa'id Hamami in London, on a bloody war which has recently led to tragic events in the British capital, Paris, Kuwait and Beirut.

Founder of the rejection front in 1974, but no longer its undisputed leader, Abu Nidal did not shift his gaze for a second while he answered in an almost musical tone of voice the questions put by CAMBIO 16 special correspondent Manuel Albignoni.

#### Reasons for Rejection

"It is clear that 'Arafat is responsible for the recent attacks against the Iraqi embassies in London, Paris and Karachi. It was Abu Jihad, one of the chiefs of 'Arafat's military wing, who planned them directly." This was the first accusation he leveled when he finally agreed to the interview.

CAMBIO 16: What were the reasons which led to a confrontation of this kind between you and 'Arafat?

Abu Nidal: Since the talks began in the United Nations to resolve the Palestinian problem in 1974, 'Arafat has adopted an active stance in these talks, thus betraying the genuine liberation forces of Palestine, which can only be liberated by weapons. This was the reason for my departure from the organization, since I could not remain on the side of a man who has refused to fight on the side of his Palestinian brothers, executing many of them and keeping others imprisoned.

CAMBIO 16: Who is responsible for the war among the Palestinians?

Abu Nidal: The war was started by 'Arafat, not only against the Palestinians' revolutionary currents but also against all Arab revolutionary forces. To serve, as he serves, the idea of a negotiated solution, is to serve reactionary interests. Behind 'Arafat's stance lies the opportunist left and sometimes the reactionary Arab rightwing, like the Lebanese rightwing and the regime of Saudi Arabia, which represents a new agent of imperialism.

CAMBIO 16: What does the new Black June and September Palestinian organization represent?

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Shah: I have many advisers. Where corruption is involved the "imperial inspectorate" intervenes.

STERN: This probably has hardly helped. I have lived here for 3 years, and corruption has grown constantly worse. The garbagemen, the customs officials, the officials in the ministries do not lift a finger unless they are bribed. Are you aware of this?

Shah: I hear about it, but you cannot make generalizations.

STERN: But I can, Your Majesty. In the occupational groups to which I have just referred I have so far not met anyone whom I did not have to bribe.

Shah: I hope this is not true.

STERN: Unfortunately it is true, Your Majesty. I even venture to say that many humble people could not even make a living if they refused to take bribes.

Shah: Do you really have to bribe people?

STERN: Yes, daily.

Shah: You mean you are bribing officials?

STERN: What should I do if the garbage piles up in front of the house? And believe me, Your Majesty, everybody among the people knows that this is so.

Shah: Then we will have to talk with the people about it. Perhaps the wages are too low, too. But the salaries we are paying are not so bad after all.

STERN: Is it really necessary for you to purchase so many high quality weapons systems for enormous sums of money?

Shah: Once you have decided to defend your country, halfhearted measures will be of little help. We decided to do it.

STERN: Who is the enemy, anyway, against whom you are arming yourself?

Shah: How can I tell? Maybe there are many of them. Who knows?

STERN: Is it the Soviets?

Shah: Well, they are communists, we are not. But officially our relations are friendly.

STERN: You are hosting Chinese party Chairman Hua. How did this visit materialize? Did he ask whether he was welcome?

Shah: Yes.

STERN: Are you not afraid this visit will provoke your Soviet neighbor?

Shah: But what should I have done?

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Abu Nidal: It is the outcome of the merger of the groups which emerged in 1976 (Black September and Black June), which emerged to eliminate through violence the internal contradictions within Fatah.

CAMBIO 16: Black June and September has claimed responsibility for the recent attack perpetrated against the PLO in Paris. Does this mean that you take responsibility for the attack?

Abu Nidal: Black June and September is in fact the perpetrator of the attack, although I have no direct responsibility for it. However, I agree with the principled position of executing all those who negotiate with the Zionist enemies.

#### Stages of Struggle

CAMBIO 16: What is the way to succeed in resolving the contradictions and achieving Palestinian unity?

Abu Nidal: The only possibility for the liberation of the occupied territories of Palestine is armed struggle. It is 'Arafat who is opposed to this struggle, therefore, 'Arafat must die, since he has betrayed our cause and unleashed the internal struggle. But 'Arafat's disappearance is not sufficient in itself, because other traitors could emerge from among his ranks who would continue the negotiating line. It is necessary to set up a united Arab national front which will represent all democratic, popular and revolutionary forces in order to replace what exists at present and what the PLO represents. The aim of that front would be the liberation of our land. Once Palestine has been liberated, the Arab nation, in which people's democracy would be established, would be possible.

CAMBIO 16: Do you believe that terrorism is the way to achieve liberation?

Abu Nidal: Westerners have a very different conception of terrorism from we Palestinians. You must bear in mind that we are waging a struggle for the liberation of Palestinian territory. Zionism calls our struggle terrorism. We and all progressive forces call it a liberation struggle. And we do not confine this struggle solely to the territory occupied by Israel but take it wherever our enemy is.

CAMBIO 16: Are there links between your organization and other revolutionary movements?

Abu Nidal: It is natural for links to exist among the revolutionary movements of the world in the spheres of exchanging ideas and sometimes experts, because our aims include that of intensifying the crisis of U.S. imperialism.

CAMBIO 16: So you do not deny that, as the German magazine STERN has asserted, the members of the Baader-Meinhof group, like other terrorist groups, have been in your training bases?

Abu Nidal: My previous answer is in no way an assertion to that effect.